

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action of July 31, 2002, has been reviewed.

The Examiner has allowed Claim 1, rejected Claims 2 and 5 "under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)", and objected to Claims 3, 4 and 6 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicating that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response thereto, the present amendment accepts Claim 1, and combines allowable Claims 3, 4 and 6 with Claim 2 resulting in allowable claims in independent form.

If the Examiner is not of the opinion that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance, she is requested to enter the amendment for purposes of appeal.

It is deemed that the amendments herein overcome all grounds of objection and rejection. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are requested.

MARKEUP VERSION OF CLAIMS WITH AMENDMENTS

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by
LETTERS PATENT of the United States is as follows:

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1. (Previously Amended) A sure grip screwdriver system for allowing a user to screw and unscrew threaded fasteners in a convenient and efficient manner comprising, in combination:

a shaft fabricated of a rigid metallic material in a cylindrical configuration with an axis and having a handle end and a working end, the shaft having a working inner portion adjacent to the handle end and a working outer portion adjacent to the working end and with a flat cut face on the outermost extent of the working end perpendicular to the axis of the shaft, the working outer portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration with a square cross section and an axial length of a first smaller size adjacent to the face, the working inner portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration with a square cross section and an axial length of a second larger size adjacent to the working outer portion, with a bevel adjacent to the working inner portion remote from the face;

a screwdriver handle having a shaft end and a gripping surface end, the shaft end having a generally cylindrical recess to securely receive and retain in one position the handle end of the shaft and with the gripping surface end having a plurality of

axial indentations to facilitate the user's grip of the system; and

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a threaded fastener having a threaded portion and a head portion, the threaded portion having threads for coupling to a recipient surface upon rotation and with the head portion having a cylindrical configuration with a central stepped recess, the stepped recess having a cube-shaped interior reception area and an exterior cube-shaped reception area with the interior reception area being smaller to snugly receive the working outer portion of the shaft and with the exterior reception area being larger to snugly receive the working inner portion of the shaft and alternatively, wherein the threaded fastener is of a smaller size, the working outer portion is snugly receivable by the working outer portion and, alternatively, wherein the working portions are of a larger size, the working outer portion is snugly receivable by the working outer portion.

2. (Twice Amended) A flat ended, double cube shaped tipped, screwdriver system comprising:

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a shaft having a handle end and a working end, the shaft having a working inner portion adjacent to the handle end and a working outer portion adjacent to the working end, the working outer portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration of a first smaller size with a flat outermost tip being perpendicular to the shaft, the working inner portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration of a second larger size; [and]

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a shaft support with a recess at one end to receive the handle end of the shaft; and

a threaded fastener having a threaded portion and a head portion, the head portion having a cylindrical configuration with a central stepped recess, the stepped recess having a cube-shaped interior reception area with a flat innermost portion and an exterior cube-shaped reception area with the interior reception area being smaller to snugly receive the working outer portion of the shaft and the flat innermost portion allowing a positive alignment of the fastener and the working tip and with the exterior reception area being larger to snugly receive the working inner portion of the shaft.

3. (Canceled) The system as set forth in claim 2 and further including:

a threaded fastener having a threaded portion and a head portion, the head portion having a cylindrical configuration with a central stepped recess, the stepped recess having a cube-shaped interior reception area with a flat innermost portion and an exterior cube-shaped reception area with the interior reception area being smaller to snugly receive the working outer portion of the shaft and the flat innermost portion allowing a positive alignment of the fastener and the working tip and with the exterior reception area being larger to snugly receive the working inner portion of the shaft.

4. (Twice Amended) [The system as set forth in Claim 2 wherein] A flat ended, double cube shaped tipped, screwdriver system comprising:

a shaft having a handle end and a working end, the shaft having a working inner portion adjacent to the handle end and a working outer portion adjacent to the working end, the working outer portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration of a first smaller size with a flat outermost tip being perpendicular to the shaft, the working inner portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration of a second larger size, the shaft [has] having a receptacle to accommodate the interchangeability of a plurality of different working tips with the plurality of said different working tips having different sized working portions;
and

a shaft support with a recess at one end to receive the handle end of the shaft

5. (Cancel) The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the shaft has opposed ends with working surfaces at each end and with a central section having a square cross-sectional configuration for being received by the shaft support with each working surface having a flat outermost tip being perpendicular to the shaft.

6. (Twice Amended) [The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein] A flat ended, double cube shaped tipped, screwdriver system comprising:

a shaft having a handle end and a working end, the shaft
having a working inner portion adjacent to the handle end and a
working outer portion adjacent to the working end, the working
outer portion having a generally cube-shaped configuration of a
first smaller size with a flat outermost tip being perpendicular
to the shaft, the working inner portion having a generally cube-
shaped configuration of a second larger size, the shaft [is]
being part of a kit comprising a plurality of shafts, with each
of the shafts having different sized working portions with each
of the tips of the working portions having a flat outer most
surface being perpendicular to the shaft, and wherein (the shaft
support) is a power tool; and
a shaft support with a recess at one end to receive the
handle end of the shaft.